

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

NICKI BOYD,

Plaintiff,

v.

COUNTY OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA,
et al.,

Defendants.

2:14-cv-1658-GMN-VCF

ORDER

This action is a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a county prisoner. On October 14, 2014, this Court issued an order denying the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, without prejudice, because the application was incomplete. (ECF No. 2 at 1-2). The Court ordered Plaintiff to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the full filing fee of \$400.00 within thirty days from the date of that order. (*Id.* at 2). The thirty-day period has now expired, and Plaintiff has not filed another application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, paid the full filing fee, or otherwise responded to the Court's order.

District courts have the inherent power to control their dockets and “[i]n the exercise of that power, they may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . . dismissal” of a case. *Thompson v. Hous. Auth. of City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986). A court may dismiss an action, with prejudice, based on a party's failure to prosecute an action, failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. *See Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance with local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to comply with an order requiring

1 amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal
2 for failure to comply with local rule requiring *pro se* plaintiffs to keep court apprised of address);
3 *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987) (dismissal for failure to comply
4 with court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for
5 lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local rules).

6 In determining whether to dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey a
7 court order, or failure to comply with local rules, the court must consider several factors: (1) the
8 public's interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to manage its docket;
9 (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring disposition of cases on
10 their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives. *Thompson*, 782 F.2d at 831;
11 *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423-24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 130; *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260-61;
12 *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

13 In the instant case, the Court finds that the first two factors, the public's interest in
14 expeditiously resolving this litigation and the Court's interest in managing the docket, weigh in
15 favor of dismissal. The third factor, risk of prejudice to Defendants, also weighs in favor of
16 dismissal, since a presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of unreasonable delay in
17 filing a pleading ordered by the court or prosecuting an action. *See Anderson v. Air West*, 542
18 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor – public policy favoring disposition of cases
19 on their merits – is greatly outweighed by the factors in favor of dismissal discussed herein.
20 Finally, a court's warning to a party that his failure to obey the court's order will result in
21 dismissal satisfies the "consideration of alternatives" requirement. *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262;
22 *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132-33; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1424. The Court's order requiring
23 Plaintiff to file another application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the full filing fee within
24 thirty days expressly stated: "IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Plaintiff does not timely
25 comply with this order, dismissal of this action may result." (ECF No. 2 at 2). Thus, Plaintiff
26 had adequate warning that dismissal would result from her noncompliance with the Court's order
27 to file another application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the full filing fee within thirty
28 days.

1 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that this action is dismissed without prejudice based
2 on Plaintiff's failure to file another application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the full filing
3 fee in compliance with this Court's October 14, 2014, order.

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court shall enter judgment accordingly.

5 **DATED** this 19th day of November, 2014.

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10 Gloria M. Navarro, Chief Judge
11 United States District Court
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